

## THE HORSE SENSE

Exhibited by Belmont County Democratic Politicians

## WHO DECLINE NOMINATIONS

IN THE GIFT OF THE COUNTY CONVENTION AT BELLAIRE YESTERDAY AFTERNOON IS NOT AT ALL SURPRISING—THE OVER-THE-RIVER DEMOCRATS SEE THE POLITICAL HAND-WRITING ON THE WALL.

The Belmont county Democratic convention held at Bellaire yesterday was the tamest convention of any kind ever held in Belmont county. Notwithstanding the fact that Heatherington's band had been making music about the streets all forenoon, there were but seventy-four people in the Turner hall at the morning session of the convention. Not over forty of these were Democrats.

H. H. Milligan was made chairman and J. C. McLaughlin secretary. Mr. Milligan was at a loss for something to say; there was no keynote for him to sound. He wandered in dizzily, rambling allegations for a time and finally struck his gait. He wanted the Republican party beaten because it didn't endorse the Bryanistic platform made at Chicago in '96. But he didn't know what to say.

The delegates selected from the rural townships didn't show up in large numbers, and the politicians from the towns constituted the aggregation. Ham Glass, of Flushing, wanted Colonel Charlesworth, of St. Clairsville, and Chalmers Trimble, of Powhatan, Dr. E. M. Riggs and others read out of the party, partly because some of them wouldn't accept the empty honors to be offered by the Democratic county convention, and yet Ham Glass himself refused to be nominated for auditor because he knew there was not the ghost of a show for him against Madison Aldredge, though he said he couldn't fill the office if he got it. They had just as much difficulty getting anybody to accept any of the other places. Stanley Creamer had positively refused to allow the use of his name for any place, and so it went down the list, until the party found itself in desperate straits for candidates. Then they turned in to draft men for the places to fill and by the time the convention met in the afternoon they had planned an arrangement by which the ticket could be filed up. But it required all the ingenuity of the leaders to make them stick until the convention adjourned and the delegates got out of town. In fact, they named some men who were not present, to be sure they wouldn't decline.

The afternoon session was better attended than the morning one, and the temporary organization was continued, with the addition of A. A. Clark as assistant secretary and a number of vice presidents, among whom were Colonel James F. Charlesworth, Hon. David Wagner and Colonel C. L. Poorman. Marion Hoffman presented some war resolutions and one something about deputies following the principals in county offices, a practice scrupulously followed by the Democrats in the auditor's office for a quarter of a century, but that made no difference, this was a convention of the Chicago brand of Democrats.

However, they finally reached the point of calling the roll of townships for candidates. Every township and precinct in the county was called by the secretary for a candidate for clerk of the courts, but in all of them there was no one who wanted to go against Lawson E. Emerson, the present efficient clerk who is up for re-election to his second term. Just as this office was about to be passed, somebody named Miles Twinn, and he was nominated in a fifty feet somebody else would withdraw the name.

At this stage of the game Jimmy Follen didn't want the roll called any more; it was too monotonous; he wanted "anybody to nominate anybody" who is a candidate. A competitor was wanted against Madison Aldredge, the first Republican auditor Belmont has had for years, who is out for his second term. James B. Ryan was named, but he had been there before and was "offered as a sacrifice" under the very same conditions "yet if he had not been very positive he would have been named anyway. Then Dr. H. Milligan positively declined, so did Ham Glass, so did W. M. Lupton, so did A. A. Clark, but they put the latter through anyhow.

For sheriff they attempted to make a show of contest between Fred Neidinger, of Brownport, and John W. Terrell, of Martin's Ferry, neither of whom wanted it, but they beat Neidinger and nominated Terrell by systematic changing of votes.

For commissioner Andrew Jackson Brown was named, and for recorder Charles W. Winmayer. Frank B. Weydel, of Richland, was named for infirmity director.

The convention selected delegates to the state convention as follows: A. A. Clark, W. H. Helfline, George H. Muth, W. A. Fenton, Thomas Creamer, J. T. Dymond, Judge J. B. Driggs, Charles Pryor, Lafayette Murphy and Colonel C. L. Poorman.

The same number of alternates were selected, and this completed the work of the convention the distinguishing feature of which was the difficulty to find men willing to accept nominations. A conviction pervaded even the Democratic convention that this is a Republican year, and there are very few Democrats who care to be put in the trouble, annoyance and expense of a campaign where the prospects are not inviting.

## THE RAILROADS.

The fight between the railroads and the ticket brokers at Cincinnati ended yesterday in favor of the former. Recently an ordinance was passed, charging the ticket brokers a license of \$50 and compelling them to give a bond of \$1,000 each, which would be forfeited to the city in the event of the ticket brokers selling a ticket that was not all right. The law has been tested in various ways and pending the agitation and litigation it has not been in effect. Yesterday it was decided to be valid and the corporation counsel ordered it enforced. It is of special importance at this time, owing to the large number of excursion tickets that will be used for the national encampment of the G. A. R., that is to be held in Cincinnati three weeks hence.

## FIRST ALASKA LOCOMOTIVE.

The first locomotive to turn wheels in Alaska pulled out of Skagway on Wednesday, July 20, with two flat cars loaded with rails. At that time seven miles of the road-bed had been graded and over five miles of track laid. Fifteen hundred men are at work on the road, and much rock work will be necessary before the summit is crossed. It is expected that the track will reach the summit of the pass by September 20. The road is narrow gauge and is being built by the White Pass & Yukon Railway Company. According to latest accounts the company was arranging for an extensive celebration in the nature of an excursion of several hundred people over the route on August 10 as far as the track was completed.

## EAST BOUND SHIPMENTS.

Chicago eastbound shipments for the week amounted to 51,253 tons, against 47,778 tons for the week previous and 55,000 tons last year. The Erie led with

7,925 tons. Other lines carried: Michigan Central, 3,394; Wabash, 4,207; Pan-Handle, 5,987; Fort Wayne, 5,462; Baltimore & Ohio, 4,220; Grand Trunk, 4,450; Nickel Plate, 4,562; Lake Shore, 7,615; Big Four, 1,918.

## "JIM" CORBET WEPT

Like a Child When he Heard of His Father's Terrible Crime.

SAN FRANCISCO, August 16.—R. J. Corbett, father of James J. Corbett, the heavyweight pugilist, this morning shot and killed his wife and then turned the weapon upon himself with fatal effect. It is believed that the murderer was demented. He had been in extremely poor health for some time. Death was instantaneous in both cases.

The shooting occurred at the residence of the Corbett family, No. 520 Hayes street. Shortly before 5 o'clock this morning, Mr. King, a son-in-law of Corbett, who was living in the house, heard two shots in his father-in-law's room. Hurrying to the room he was horrified to find Mrs. Corbett lying in the bed covered with blood, while his father-in-law lay on the floor with blood pouring from his mouth. Mrs. Corbett was in her night attire, while her husband was fully dressed. Death must have been instantaneous.

There was a wound in Mrs. Corbett's temple and Corbett had killed himself by turning the muzzle of the revolver in his mouth. From the appearance of the bodies it is believed that Corbett arose early in the morning, dressed himself and shot his aged wife while she slept.

She had evidently died instantly, for she still lay in her perfectly natural position. It is believed that Corbett was demented. He had just returned from Bartlett Springs, where he had been stopping for his health.

NEW YORK, August 16.—James J. Corbett was much shocked when he learned of the death of his parents. At first he refused to believe it, but when the news was confirmed, he broke down and wept like a child. His trainers, McVey and White, tried to console him, but to no purpose. Corbett said that his father must have become insane or he would not have committed such a terrible deed. He could not account for it in any other way. Both his father and mother, he said, took a deep interest in his affairs and keenly felt his defeat by Fitzsimmons at Carson City. They both wanted him to retire from the ring after that.

Corbett said that until he had received more definite information from California he could not say what his future plans would be. He will stop training for the present and his fight with McCoy at Buffalo on September 10 may be postponed. Corbett, after a consultation with some of his friends, had something further to say about the tragedy in San Francisco. He said that his parents were each about fifty-three years of age and that the family relations were always pleasant. He received letters from his father's mind had become unbalanced, and he thinks that while suffering mentally his father committed the double crime. Corbett said he had telegraphed to San Francisco and that he would leave for the coast this evening if the bodies are held until he can arrive. He says he will send his brother Joseph home anyway.

At present he could not say what will be done about his fight with McCoy. He declared that if it was necessary, he would forfeit the \$2,500 he had up. He would not fight again, he declared, had it not been for the fact that he was the chief support of the family. He says that what he makes hereafter will go to help support his brothers and sisters, just as he gave funds heretofore. He therefore says that it might be necessary for him to fight McCoy in order to obtain money to support the family.

So far as can be ascertained, there was not the slightest reason why his husband should have sought to wreak such awful vengeance upon his wife, as for nearly half a century the couple had lived happily and in perfect contentment.

Indeed, during last evening they had chatted pleasantly together about their friends with two other daughters and at an early hour had retired without the slightest indication having been given of what was to follow within the next few hours. With Mr. and Mrs. Corbett resided two unmarried daughters, Catherine and Esther, and a married daughter, Mrs. Charles A. King, with her husband.

When Mr. Corbett purchased the plot nobody seems to know apparently, as he was never known to keep a weapon in the house before he had purchased this one with an object. Whether during his temporary spell of insanity he had contemplated the deed none can tell.

There is little doubt but what Mr. Corbett was temporarily insane when he committed the terrible deed, and he inherited the mania from his ancestors. His sister, Margaret Griffin, is now an inmate of the Napa Insane Asylum, having been confined there six years. Like the case of her brother, her insanity was periodic. Both the old people were natives of Ireland, Mr. Corbett being sixty-six years of age and his wife four years younger. The funeral ceremonies will be delayed until James Corbett arrives from the east, but the bodies will be placed in vaults.

Conference Camp Meeting.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE INTELLIGENCER. WEST VIRGINIA CONFERENCE CAMP MEETING GROUNDS, CLAY, W. Va., August 16.—Bishop J. H. Vincent, the father of the Chautauqua idea, was prevented from filling his engagement at Asbury Heights, by the high water on the C. & S. railroad, but he delivered his famous lecture, "Tom and His Teacher," in Charleston, to a fine audience, for the benefit of Asbury C. L. S. C.

Judge Hiram Sibley, of Marietta, O., delivered several very interesting and instructive lectures. He was accompanied by Mrs. Sibley.

Rev. Dr. Banes, of Cincinnati, Ohio, gave entire satisfaction in his series of lectures.

Rev. C. H. Maloney confirmed his former fine reputation as a musical leader.

Rev. A. B. Riker has labored very hard to make the Chautauqua a success and the programme has thus far been sufficient for almost any assembly. He leaves in a few days for his new home at Mt. Union, O.

Rev. C. M. Graham, of Wheeling, has had charge of the programme for a few days and the numbers have been kept full.

## MRS. MARY C. NORTON DEAD.

Yesterday morning at the family home in Pleasant Valley, east of the city, occurred the death of Mrs. Mary Chapline Norton, relict of the late Samuel P. Norton, a citizen who was well known in this community, and mother of Messrs. Percy and George Norton, both of this city. Mrs. Norton was a member of the well known Chapline family. A sister is Mrs. Armour, of Kansas City, and another is Miss Amy Chapline, a teacher in the Fourth ward school, who made her home with the deceased. Mrs. Norton was operated upon for cancer several weeks ago, and for several days her recovery has been despaired of. The deceased was loved and respected by a large circle of friends who felt deep sorrow when they learned of yesterday's sad event.

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The cessation of the war between this country and Spain will not result in the disbanding of the local auxiliary of the Red Cross, as has been supposed by a few who were not conversant with the objects and principles of the organization, which is a permanent one and not temporary.

While the society can be of service to sick, wounded or needy soldiers it will continue in its noble work. Auxiliary 77, of this city, will continue to follow out the plans outlined and be governed by the national organization of which it is a part. The regular weekly business meeting occurs this morning at the Hearne Tabernacle, and a large attendance is desired.

Speaking of the auxiliary last night, its president, Mrs. W. F. Butler, said: "Next Saturday we will ship another box of supplies to the headquarters, in New York, making four boxes we have sent since the auxiliary was formed. We will keep this work up until we receive orders to stop. The ending of the war, however, will not deter us from succoring those in need. Should a big railway wreck occur near here, or a disastrous flood rendering many families homeless, or a large fire some night, the Red Cross society will be found giving aid and relief to the afflicted. Our auxiliary has become a fixture in Wheeling."

## THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Meets To-night to Arrange for River Improvement Meeting Funds.

This evening at 8 o'clock, at the chamber of commerce, there will be a meeting of the finance committee, to which has been allotted the task of raising the funds to defray the expenses attending the holding of the coming annual convention of the Ohio Valley Improvement Association.

Colonel Morris Horkheimer, the chairman of the finance committee, last night sent a circular letter to the members of the committee, asking them to lend encouragement to the coming convention by their presence and assistance at tonight's meeting. Speaking of the matter last night, Colonel Horkheimer said: "The river improvement convention is a project to which I feel I should give my utmost endeavors, and I hope the other members of the finance committee hold the same view. We have no time to spare—in less than a month the meeting is to be held—and it is necessary to outline our plans, ascertain how much money is needed, appoint sub-committees to cover the various districts of the city, and then a long pull and a strong pull and our work will be accomplished. To ascertain the amount of money needed, I desire the presence to-night of as many members of the executive committee as can attend, and also the presence of the chairmen of the entertainment and invitation committees."

## A MCCORKLE INTERVIEW.

The Ex-Governor Has Had a Political Pipe Dream. It Seems.

Ex-Governor MacCorkle, General "Bill" St. Clair and other Charleston lights were in Cincinnati on Monday. To a Commercial-Tribune man the ex-governor said:

"I don't know whether we can plead guilt to being a distinguished party of West Virginians as you have characterized us," said Governor MacCorkle. "But you can find mighty clever gentlemen in the names on the register and halling from the Mountain State. We are here to consult with the railroad officials with a view to arrangements for the shipment of our coal to the eastern markets especially, and incidentally to the markets of the west. But there are arrangements in that direction at present and we have so much coal, and of equally so excellent, that the eastern people are beginning to realize its many-sided qualities, and we have to see to an outlet in that direction as well as in this."

"So far as the state of West Virginia is concerned it is prospering. We are not of the fast set, you know, but believe in well-established and sound principles in our mountains. The result of that policy is that West Virginia is certain to take a very front rank in the community of states. She has no public debt, her officials are all devoted to the public good, we are not extravagant in our public expenditures, and the balance is kept on the right side, to the great comfort of the taxpayers. The mineral and timber wealth of West Virginia cannot be overestimated. Constant progress is being made in the direction of developing her resources, and as a state she leaves very little to be desired. Her people, however, have felt the pressure of the times in common with the people of the great west lying beyond the Allegheny mountains. I do not wish to prophesy, but if the times do not improve as the promise has been there is not the least doubt that West Virginia will vote the entire Democratic ticket this fall and next. The war may play some part in keeping the Republicans in line, but I am inclined to doubt it. I look for a Democratic majority in West Virginia. The wish may be father to the thought, but I think not."

"I don't know what Governor MacCorkle has told you of the object of our visit," said Mr. St. Clair, "but we are really here for the purpose of ascertaining whether with the single gold standard and protective tariff prosperity can be found in this neighborhood. That is the real object of our visit, but coming down to the details, perhaps Governor MacCorkle's information is the better way of putting it. Of the political situation in West Virginia, I can only say it is and will be Democratic this fall, and the next campaign will be no exception."

## Designative Fire in Russia.

ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 16.—A great fire at Nijni Novgorod, capital of the government of the same name, near the confluence of the Oka with the Volga, about 250 miles northeast of Moscow, has destroyed a number of factories and eighty houses. Forty persons have been injured, and damage to the amount of a million and a half roubles has been done.

## Rounded up at Last.

LONDON, Aug. 16.—At the county of London sessions to-day an American, Evans Wheeler, alias "Sir Henry O'neal, palmer to the queen," etc., etc., was sentenced to a year's hard labor for stealing two bags at the King's Cross railway depot, Wheeler, or One-

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quid, is known to have had a palmistry business at 1244 Broadway, New York city. He brought Mrs. Nellie Shakespeare from Philadelphia to England last June, and in the following month went with her to Paris, where he assumed the designation "Baron" Musgrave. He left there suddenly, owing a large amount, and abandoning Mrs. Shakespeare.

## Jago Refused Bail.

LONDON, Aug. 16.—At the Bow street police court this morning J. W. Jago, chief officer of the White Star line steamship Britannic, who is held on a warrant issued at the request of the United States embassy, on the charge of embezzlement and larceny, in connection with mail robbery and smuggling, was formally arraigned. Sir John Bridge refused an application for bail, and the prisoner was remanded for a week.

## Rather Suspicious.

LANCASTER, Pa., Aug. 16.—Mrs. Womert, wife of Emanuel Womert, who was murdered in bed on Saturday night by supposed burglars while his wife was asleep by his side, committed suicide last night.

## THE RIVER

## YESTERDAY'S DEPARTURES.

Cincinnati....VIRGINIA, 8 a. m.  
Cincinnati....QUEEN CITY, 5 a. m.  
Petersburg....ALAN, 11 a. m.  
Matamoras....ELOISE, 11 a. m.  
Sistersville....RUTH, 3:30 p. m.  
Clarinton....LEROY, 3:30 p. m.  
Steubenville....T. M. RAYNE, 2:30 p. m.

## BOATS LEAVING TO-DAY.

Charleston....KANAWHA, 6:30 a. m.  
Pittsburgh....ALAN, 2 p. m.  
Sistersville....RUTH, 3:30 p. m.  
Clarinton....LEROY, 3:30 p. m.  
Steubenville....T. M. RAYNE, 2:30 p. m.  
Pittsburgh....URANIA, 6:30 a. m.

## BOATS LEAVING TO-MORROW.

Pittsburgh....H. K. BEDFORD, 6:30 a. m.  
Cincinnati....QUEEN CITY, 8 a. m.  
Petersburg....ARGAND, 11 a. m.  
Matamoras....ELOISE, 11 a. m.  
Sistersville....RUTH, 3:30 p. m.  
Clarinton....LEROY, 3:30 p. m.  
Steubenville....T. M. RAYNE, 2:30 p. m.  
Pittsburgh....LORENA, 2 a. m.

## Along the Landing.

The marks at 6 p. m. Tuesday—7 feet 10 inches and falling.

Weather Tuesday—Clear and warmer. Thermometer reached 93 above.

The Queen City will be here to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock for Cincinnati and way landings.

The Virginia passed down yesterday morning for Cincinnati with a good trip out of the upper river.

## River Telegrams.

OIL CITY—River 1 foot 4 inches and stationary. Weather cloudy and warm.

WARREN—River 6 inches. Weather clear and warm.

GREENSBORO—River 8 feet 4 inches and falling. Weather fair and warm.

Adam Jacobs and Florence Belle down Wednesday; Woodward and Nellie Hudson up.

BROWNSVILLE—River 6 feet 4 inches and falling.

MORGANTOWN—River 8 feet 3 inches and falling. Weather clear and warm.

PITTSBURGH—River 6 feet and falling at the dam. Clear and pleasant.

STEUBENVILLE—River 7 feet 5 inches and falling. Weather clear and warm. Passed up—Queen City and Charles Brown. Passed down—Adelle, Kanawha and Rescue.

PARKERSBURG—River 10 feet 6 inches and falling. Weather cloudy; mercury 91. Passed down: Virginia. Due down: Kanawha. Passed down and up: Avalon. Passed up: Barnard. En- gularies, Tornado. Little Kanawha is falling.

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